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the biennium 1990-1991

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functions and administrative support of the departments having mandates relating to global social development issues

1. At its 64th meeting, on 19 September, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functions and administrative support of the departments having mandates relating to global social development issues (A/C.5/45/4).

Discussion

2. Several delegations expressed the view that the issue under consideration, including all aspects of strengthening the United Nations Office at Vienna, required a global approach, bearing in mind, in particular, a division of current and emerging activities of the United Nations among Headquarters, Geneva and Vienna and the availability of premises in the Vienna International Centre.

Conclusion

3. The Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General.



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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

- (e) Questions related to the programme budget for the
biennium 1990-1991

Revised estimates under sections 3, 13, 27, 31 and income section 1

1. At its 66th meeting, on 21 September, the Committee considered the question of revised estimates under sections 3, 13, 27, 31 and income section 1.

Discussion

2. While expressing their disappointment that the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates under sections 3, 13, 27, 31 and income section 1 was not available in all the official languages and could not, therefore, be considered by the Committee, a number of delegations made informal preliminary comments on the Secretary-General's proposals.

3. A number of delegations supported the proposal to continue certain activities related to Namibia until their completion. They also welcomed the proposal to redeploy resources to priority activities related to apartheid and the proposed redeployment of resources for modernization of facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa. They noted, however, that no proposals were made in respect to some of the resources released as a result of the Secretary-General's proposals with respect to the programme on Namibia, and expressed the view that these resources should be redeployed to high priority activities, particularly those relating to Africa. Some delegations also noted that the Secretary-General's proposals with respect to the Centre against Apartheid did not reflect fully the views expressed by those delegations during the General Assembly's consideration of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 at its forty-fourth session.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee noted with regret that the report of the Secretary-General on this subject had not been available for its consideration. The Committee urged the Secretary-General to ensure that such a situation should not set a precedent for the future. The Committee recommended that the report should be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, for its consideration and appropriate action.

Review of the translation and interpretation services for all official languages in the Economic Commission for Africa

5. At its 66th meeting, on 21 September, the Committee considered the question of translation and interpretation services for all official languages in the Economic Commission for Africa.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee noted with regret that the report of the Secretary-General on this subject had not been available for its consideration. The Committee urged the Secretary-General to ensure such a situation should not set a precedent for the future. The Committee recommended that the report should be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session for its consideration and appropriate action.



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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 31. Regional co-operation for development in Asia and the Pacific

1. At its 66th meeting, on 21 September 1990, the Committee was informed orally of the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at its forty-sixth session, held from 4 to 13 June 1990, on the priority-setting for programme 31 (Regional co-operation for development in Asia and the Pacific (A/45/6 (Prog.31))).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat.
3. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should give appropriate consideration to the question of priority-setting among subprogrammes when it reviews programme 31 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 at its forty-fifth session.
